

Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN POPULAR.

Some residents of Manoa have set inquiries on foot as to whether they will have an opportunity of investing in the improvement bonds for that district. It is well known that two of the local banks have agreed to take the Manoa bonds between them, so that the would-be investors among the residents will have to look to them for whatever allotment of the securities they are able to buy.

There will not be a great deal of the issue left for the chief bidders after the assessments which will be paid in full in advance, together with the county's share of the cost of the improvement, are deducted. An officer of one of the banks in question seen yesterday estimated that the whole amount would not be more than about \$120,000. He further said he was willing to allow local investors to have some of the bonds.

The importance of such an inquiry being made lies in its signifying that the new system of street construction is becoming popular. Those wishing to invest in the bonds are going to have their own properties assessed, according to area, for the improvement.

GETTING AT A JOB LONG OVERDUE.

Progress toward a settlement of the Kapaa-Waipouli land-water-railroad issue is reported from Kauai, a result of the visit of Governor Pinkham and his party.

Some of the governor's official supporters are saying now that there never was any occasion for the Kauai homesteaders to become alarmed; that their interests have been and were to be amply protected; and that the tangle in the situation was caused by the rivalry of Lihue and Makee plantations. A good deal of this is undoubtedly true, but nobody should blame the homesteaders for worrying when month after month had passed with no sign that the territorial government was straightening out the tangle.

Much of the hullabaloo raised over the "Spalding license" was both unwarranted and foolish, for the license was never approved and the best information is that it never would have been approved by Governor Pinkham. We doubt if Col. Spalding expected he could get it through. Lihue and the homesteaders certainly would not have agreed to anything like the surrender of public rights for a mess of pottage proposed in this scheme. But the homesteaders have had a legitimate grievance in the long and needless delay in settling this whole issue, or at least making a thorough-going trial at settling it.

The governor and his department heads are doing now exactly what should have been done months ago—tackling the job in earnest. "Cussing" the governor because Col. Spalding proposed a scheme incompatible with public policy isn't fair criticism. The fair criticism which may be made is that the territorial government has taken entirely too long about doing a job of public business on Kauai—so long that suspicions of a "grab" were bound to arise.

There are other jobs of public business in which the government isn't showing any brilliant burst of speed. And there will be further criticism unless it mends its pace.

It is rather a pity that announcement of the prize for the first baby born in Baby Week was not made somewhat earlier.

'JACK' GORDON THOUGHT TO BE STILL IN SOUTH

Alleged Runaway Not Passenger in Ventura Yesterday, Police Say

Young "Jack" Gordon was not aboard the steamer Ventura on his way to the mainland yesterday. That is, the city detectives were unable to locate him. Where he really is, is a question which is puzzling, not only the detectives, but the young man's father.

Gordon left here early last month on the Ventura for Australia, presumably to join the British expeditionary forces. On the ground that he is only 18 years old, an attempt was made to

terday led to a report that the person was "Jack" Gordon. An investigation was made by the detective bureau, but there was no young Gordon to be found.

Last night Gordon's father called at the detective bureau and volunteered information to the effect that his son was not aboard the Ventura. He added that he did not know the whereabouts of the young man. Marshal Smiddy yesterday declined to take a hand in the investigation, stating that it was entirely within the jurisdiction of the sheriff's office.

The greater part of Chilean coal is so soft that fully 30 per cent. of it is wasted at the mines.

"ONCE-UPON-A-TIME" STORIES BEGIN ON PAGE FOURTEEN TODAY

The Star-Bulletin begins publication today on Page 14 of a series of short stories for the little folks, written by Kate Marcia Forbes (Mrs. Charles R. Forbes). The series is entitled "Once-Up-

The Seattle Star sheds a new light on naval problems in an editorial which says in part: "The people are demanding actual and active preparedness, preparedness of the war craft we now have, while congress is dickering over the program of the future, and that at once or sooner. We want to be able to stand off the Hawaiian navy, if it should turn on us, anyway."

Whether the Star is indulging in humor too deep for ordinary comprehension or whether it knows no better concerning Hawaii's status is a question we leave with the editor and his conscience.

PLUMBING OPINION.

Conducting a little campaign of its own, the Boston Transcript has polled 140 Republican members of the Massachusetts legislature as to their choice for president. The result showed 75 for Hughes, 23 for Roosevelt, 9 for McCall, 6 for Weeks, 3 for Lodge, 1 for Root, 1 for Cummins and 22 undecided. One member explained his choice in these words:

"Put me down for Hughes, first, last and all the time. There is not another Republican in this country who can defeat Wilson. If any one other than Hughes is nominated, I say pack up our tents and reelect Wilson by acclamation."

This sentiment seems to be remarkably widespread. But one or two more sinkings of merchant-vessels with Americans aboard would again start the hue-and-cry for "less written and more said."

Meredith Nicholson, the new assistant secretary of war, writes novels and short stories of the popular or garden variety, which undoubtedly qualifies him for the post until recently very ably filled by Henry Breckinridge. Also, he comes from Indiana, which has produced such masters of the art of war as George Ade, Booth Tarkington and James Whitcomb Riley. The president seems to make a specialty of picking for responsible positions horses so dark that they would cast a shadow at midnight.

It is rather late for Senator Works and Senator Williams to revive the story that when the present tariff act was framed, a "lobby" induced the congressmen to reduce the tariff on lemons and citrus products. The Democrats are admitting their mistake in putting sugar on the free list, and relishing ancient history won't accomplish much but fill the Congressional Record with speeches for the folks back home.

It's going to be mighty amusing now to hear the various explanations of the Pacific Mail and the Seaman's Law. Schwerin said the P. M. had to get off the Pacific because of the onerous burden of this law, but no word has come from Washington that it has been repealed—and yet the company is going back into the cross-seas trade.

Those hard-hearted tariff makers utterly refuse to give the lemon aid.

But what a corking good man Villa would have been stealing bases!

Winston Churchill might now go in and dig von Tirpitz out.

PLAN CAMPAIGNS TO KEEP LINER GOING ALL YEAR

Promotion Committee Will Turn Los Angeles Proposal Over to Chamber

With a view toward keeping the Hill liner Great Northern on the triangular run between San Francisco, Los Angeles and the Islands, the entire year, the Promotion Committee will turn over to the parent body, the Chamber of Commerce, the proposition of the Los Angeles chamber to work for the establishment at Los Angeles harbor of a sugar refinery and other plants to utilize raw products from the territory.

The refinery depends on keeping the Great Northern on the run to Ha-

AUDITOR FISHER WANTS LIGHT ON UTILITIES BILLS

Sums Charged for Commissioners' Attendance Attract His Attention

"How long is a working day?" "Can a man hold a meeting when he is all alone?"

These are two questions that Territorial Auditor J. H. Fisher has referred to Attorney-general Stainback for decision.

It has come about through the submission of a bill for \$170, for services as chairman of the Public Utilities Commission, by Charles R. Forbes, also superintendent of public works. Mr. Fisher gave it a careful inspection. He came across five items of \$10 each for services on a day when there was no bill by either of the other two members of the commission. The law provides that a commissioner shall be paid "at the rate of \$10 a day while actually engaged in the performance of his duties as such commissioner." A meeting has usually been regarded as a day's work by the commissioners and the auditor.

Could a man hold a meeting all alone? That was the first question to be answered when the five items were discovered. Mr. Fisher decided that he could not. Then was Mr. Forbes entitled to his \$10 for each investigation he had made alone? That depended on what constituted a legal day. Again turning to the laws made and provided for the decision of such questions, Mr. Fisher found that "eight hours of actual service on any working day except Saturday, on which five hours of actual service, shall constitute a day's labor for all mechanics, laborers, clerks and other employees employed upon any public work or in any public office of this territory."

Are the members of the commission employed "in any public office of this territory?" That was still another question to stump the auditor. He dictated the following letter to the attorney-general:

"It having been suggested that possibly I am in error in the manner of allowing pay to the members of the Public Utilities Commission, I respectfully ask for your interpretation of Act 170 of the Session Laws of 1915 and especially whether it is correct to allow pay to one member of the commission while acting alone."

"To show you the manner of making out these vouchers by the secretary of this commission I am enclosing three vouchers for the month of March for which I have not yet drawn warrants."

Then he folded the voucher for Forbes for \$170, of A. J. Glenoux for \$120, and of J. N. S. Williams for \$50 and placing them in the envelope sent the communication to the attorney-general, who has it on his desk now. No decision has been reached. Meanwhile the three members of the commission are waiting for last month's pay, which is usually in their hands by the first of the month following.

In the past the bills have run from \$40 to \$80 or \$90 a month. Commissioner Williams was away the greater part of March and did not attend his many meetings as the other commissioners.

cept sugar for shipment from the islands to San Pedro.

"The Los Angeles chamber is doing what we want them to do, namely, transferring their efforts to a new campaign to keep the Great Northern on the run from Los Angeles harbor to Honolulu every month in the year. Instead of during the winter tourist season only. Secretary Wiggins is working along that line," said Mr. Taylor this morning.

Secretary Brown of the chamber said:

"Although this chamber has not and probably will not take any definite action in the matter of the proposed sugar refinery at Los Angeles suggested in a letter received by the Hawaii Promotion Committee from L. D. Sale, chairman of the foreign trade committee of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, unless the matter is brought up before it officially in some way, we do recognize the great importance of the advent of the steamer Great Northern was to this territory and how very important it would be to make the Great Northern run a permanent one for Hawaiian ports. Consequently we are back of any movement that will bring about such a permanence."

The Atlas Nitrate Products Co. gun cotton plant at Mt. Carbon, Pa., has been closed because of the freight embargo.

The big extension sale is now in full swing at the store of Yee Chan & Co., corner King and Bethel streets. Be sure to take advantage of the bargains offered.—Adv.

VITAL STATISTICS

BORN.

KAOLOWI—In Honolulu, April 9, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. James Kaolowi, of Queen street, Kakaako, a son—James Kalani.

LIM—In Honolulu, April 7, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Lim Soo Chum, of North King street, near Kamehameha IV road, Palama, a son.

BARBOSA—In Honolulu, March 31, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barbosa, of 1181 Kapi street, Kalihi, a daughter—Elizabeth Ummealani.

CAVACO—In Honolulu, March 28, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Jacintho de Souza Cavaco, of 1921 Luso street, Auwalimu, a son—Edwin.

KAWAMOTO—In Honolulu, March 27, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Sanj: Kawamoto, of 689 South Beretania street, a daughter—Fumiko.

AYAT—In Honolulu, March 26, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Ayat, of 140 North Beretania street, a son—Ernest.

KOTO—In Honolulu, March 21, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Geugoro Koto, of 1224 Emma street, a son—Tadao.

CHING—In Honolulu, March 21, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Ching Fook, of Banyan street, Palama, a son—Nen Fung.

CORREA—In Honolulu, March 23, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Correa, of Pauoa road, near Fort street, a daughter—Georgina.

CARMICHAEL—In Winchester, Massachusetts, April 7, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Chester H. Carmichael (nee Miss Florence Winter, formerly of Honolulu), a son.

KAM—In Honolulu, March 17, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Kam Pun of 252 Vineyard street, a son, Wui Bin.

INOUE—In Honolulu, April 1, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Otomatsu Inoue, Palama, N. King street, a son—Masao.

DIED.

AKAU—In Honolulu, April 11, 1916, Miss Ana Akau of 471 North School street, student, a native of Kona, Hawaii, 16 years old.

MURATA—In Camp 5, Wahiawa, Waipahu, Oahu, April 11, 1916, Miss Yoshie Murata, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tokubeya Murata of Waipahu, native of Hawaii, 19 years old.

BEACH—Aboard of the United States army transport Logan, Honolulu, April 10, 1916, Oliver Beach, married, of the Philippine insular bureau of customs, a native of Maryland, 53 years old. Body embalmed and taken yesterday to the mainland for burial.

LIM—In Honolulu, April 10, 1916, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Lim Soo Chum, of North King street, near Kamehameha IV road, Kalihi, a native of this city, three days old.

CHOY—In Oahu Prison, Honolulu, April 10, 1916, T. S. Choy, of this city, married, laborer, a native of Korea, 35 years old.

MEIJM—In Honolulu, April 9, 1916, Hilda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Meijm, of 1772 Luso street, Auwalimu, a native of Waianae, Oahu, two years, nine months and eight days old.

GALBRAITH—In Honolulu, April 9, 1916, Mrs. Kaawila Galbraith, of 111 Richard street, divorced, a native of this city, 45 years old.

MAHUKA—In Honolulu, April 9, 1916, Kawahana, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Mahuka, of Kalihi road, Kalihi, a native of North Kona, Hawaii, five months and 26 days old.

KALAKIELA—In the Queen's Hospital, Honolulu, April 9, 1916, Aola Kalakielia, of 610 Kalihi road, Kalihi, married, stone-mason, a native of Molokai, 60 years old.

HIROTA—In Honolulu, April 9, 1916, Bunzuchi Hirota, of Moiliili, unmarried, farmer, a native of Japan, 57 years old.

HAMASAKI—In Honolulu, April 9, 1916, Yonoko, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Toraiichi Hamasaki, of King, near Lihue street, Palama, nine months and 26 days old.

SILVA—In Honolulu, April 8, 1916, Agnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Silva, of 1588 Emma street, three months and 20 days old.

LAM—In Honolulu, April 8, 1916, War Yau, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lam Yet, of Parker lane, Palama, three years, four months and 21 days old.

Personal Mention

WALTER BEAKRANE returned to Honolulu in the Wilhelmina yesterday from a visit to the mainland.

MRS. ROBERT ESTES of San Francisco, who was formerly Miss Emma Rose of Hilo and Honolulu, is visiting with friends in this city.

CHARLES R. FORBES, superintendent of public works, will leave for Hawaii tomorrow on official business. He expects to return Sunday morning.

HARRY V. FATTEN, manager of the First National Bank of Hilo, expected to arrive here today.

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"To Save The Babies"

By J. JESSIE RAE
of the Pacific Sanitarium.

[Three special articles have been prepared for the Star-Bulletin on the care of babies, of timely interest to all mothers. Each writer is an authority. Miss J. Jessie Rae is superintending nurse at the Kewalo Street Sanitarium, which cares for numerous maternity cases; Mrs. Helen C. Smith is an active member of the Children's Welfare League; and the third article is written by a teacher of many years' experience who requests that her name be not published. The first is published today.]

"The first aim of Baby Week is to help in the reduction of the alarming high death rate amongst infants under one year old. This can be accomplished in Honolulu just as it has been in other communities by educating the mothers and expectant mothers on the intelligent care of their offspring.

"Honolulu has exceptional advantages over other countries in its beautiful climate, allowing as it does the abundance of fresh air, night and day, but it needs something more than an abundance of fresh air to raise babies; they need proper cleaning and feeding.

"The second aim of Baby Week is to help all mothers of all nationalities, including the highly educated college-

bred woman, who is the first to realize how little she knows and how much there is to learn about the little helpless morsel of humanity lying on her knee.

"Baby Week is to be the beginning of a real campaign for baby welfare and it is to be hoped that in the future Honolulu will have a Child Welfare center permanently established, where one and all may obtain necessary information for the rearing of their offspring. Babies of today are the citizens of the future and we shall soon be looking forward as eagerly to Baby Week as we do to Carnival Week, and what greater aim can we have than to produce the finest and best babies of any city in the world."

pects to make an extensive tour of the mainland next July in company with his family.

WILLIAM M. M'QUAID, manager of the Kona Development Company, who is in Honolulu on business, expects to return to his home on the Big Island next Friday.

CHESTER H. CARMICHAEL and Mrs. Carmichael of Winchester, Mass., welcomed on Friday of last week the arrival of a son. Mrs. Carmichael was formerly Miss Florence Winter of this city.

HENRY MCCONNELL, special examiner for the department of justice, will leave for the mainland in the Wilhelmina one week from today. Mrs. McConnell, who came here with her husband, returned to the coast a few weeks ago.

FRANCIS CROCKETT of Lodi has received the degree of bachelor of arts at the University of Michigan. He is a son of Attorney W. F. Crockett of Wailuku and a sister of Miss Grace Crockett, who is also a student at the university.

HARRY L. STRANGE, manager of the Honolulu Gas Company, who was given a leave of absence in order to join the forces at the Allies, sailed from New York on March 25 in the steamer Philadelphia. From Liverpool Mr. Strange intended to go direct to London and enlist.

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